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**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Office of Current Intelligence
28 March 1963**

DAILY REPORT

SUBJECT: US Reconnaissance Activity over Cuba

1. Today's Schedule (28 March 1963)

- a. Missions: BRASS KNOB 3519 scheduled off at 0520 EST.
Estimated time of return 1325 EST.
BRASS KNOB 3520 scheduled off at 0550 EST.
Estimated time of return 1338 EST.
- b. Purpose : Mission 3519 will cover most of the northern coast. Mission 3520 will cover the northern and southern coast and the central portion of the island.
- c. Weather : Good to fair over the northern and southern portion; poor over the central portion of the island, becoming poor over the entire island after 1300 EST. No significant change tomorrow.
- d. IPIR due: 29 March 1963.

2. Yesterday's Activity (27 March 1963)

- a. Missions flown : BRASS KNOB Mission 3517 covered all of Cuba except for the eastern and western extremities. BRASS KNOB 3518 covered eastern Cuba and the northern coast. Pilots estimate 95% coverage of scheduled targets on both flights.
- b. Weather : Poor over the northeast portion, and the remainder of the island was good to fair.
- c. IPIR due: 28 March 1963.
- d. Reaction: No significant air defense reaction to these BRASS KNOB missions was noted.

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**a. Soviet Bloc ships confirmed en route to Cuba
1600 EST 27 March:**

Tankers	6
Passenger	3
Dry Cargo	<u>15</u>
Total	24

**b. Soviet Bloc ships in Cuban ports 1600 EST
27 March:**

Tankers	5
Passenger	0
Dry Cargo	<u>20</u>
Total	25

**c. Dry cargo ships now in Cuban ports which were
photographed while inbound to Cuba by low-altitude or
surface cameras: 19**

d. CIA has received photos of 17 of these ships.

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During 20-26 March 1963

Targets	Dates							Totals	
	20	21	* 22	23	24	25	26	Sorties	Days Covered
1. Siguanea Cruise Missile Site								0	0
2. Banes Cruise Missile Site	1							1	1
3. Santa Cruz del Norte Cruise Site					1	1	1	3	3
4. Camilo Cienfuegos Airfield		1			1	1		3	3
5. Camaguey Airfield	1	1						2	2
6. Holguin Airfield	1	1		1				3	3
7. San Antonio de los Banos Airfield					2	1	2	5	3
8. Mariel Naval Base	1				2	1	2	6	4
9. Banes Naval Base	1	1						2	2
10. Cienfuegos Naval Base	1	1		1	1	1	1	6	6
11. Santiago de Cuba Port	1							1	1
12. La Isabella Port	1	1		1	1			4	4
13. Caibarien Port	1	1			2		2	6	4
14. Cardenas Port	1	1		1	1	1	1	6	6
15. Casilda Port		1			1		1	3	3
16. Matanzas Port	1	1		1	1	1	1	6	6
17. Havana Port	1				2	2	2	7	4
18. Guantanamo Area	1							1	1
19. Pinar del Rio Military Camp					1	1		2	2
20. Artemisa Military Camp					1	1	1	3	3
21. Holguin Military Camp	1	1				1		3	3
22. Remedios Military Camp					1	1	1	3	3
23. Santiago de los Vegas Military Camp					1	1	1	3	3
24. Lourdes (Torrens) Army Camp					2	1	1	4	3
25. Limonar Military Camp	1			1	1		1	4	4
26. Camaguey Military Camp	1	1						2	2
28. Managua Staging Area	1	2			1	2	2	8	5
29. Bejucal Staging Area	1	2			2	1	2	8	5
30. Manicaragua Staging Area	1	1				1	1	4	4

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*Heavy cloud cover precluded coverage of any targets on 22 March.

During 20-26 March 1963, 95 percent of the total land area of Cuba was covered by photography with 25 percent or less cloud cover. This included oblique photography up to 70 miles on either side of the flight line.

During 20-26 March 1963, 15 BRASS KNOB missions were flown.

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